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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 650,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

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For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 13, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £110,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be ready to receive Patients on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS, Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to inform his Patrons and the Public that he intends to visit AMOY and FOOCHOW in September and October, leaving HONGKONG about the 15th of September. Hongkong, August 6, 1877.

W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY.
IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

FRAY WERT, HONGKONG.
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf, Hongkong, July 19, 1876.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & CO.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,
AND JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.
46, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, August 20, 1877. 1c20

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Underigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profit to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Underigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of Twenty per cent (20%) of the Net Profit reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

NOTICE.

MR. A. HAHN begs to leave to inform his numerous Patrons and the Public generally of Hongkong, that, by special request, he has now OPENED his ESTABLISHMENT in this Colony at WANCHAI, in the Premises lately occupied by the American Consul.

MR. HAHN trusts to be favored with the continued Patronage of the public, as he has lately received a NEW STOCK of REPAIRING MATERIALS, all of the best qualities, from England, France and Germany. Inspection invited.

Hongkong, September 7, 1877. 1c1

PIANOS and any other Musical Instruments TUNED, REPAIRED, and RE-CONSTRUCTED.
PIANOS ON HIRE, by the Month or Occasionally.
PIANOS FOR SALE, New and Second-Hand, all in perfectly Good Order, Guaranteed.

Special Attention is invited to a new Grand Cottage PIANO, by LUDWIG and RICHARD, Zeitz—Just Received from Germany, and specially constructed for this climate to the order of the Underigned. Order from any of the Outposts in the East, will meet with prompt attention if addressed:
Care of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., or, Messrs GAUFF & CO.
A. HAHN.
Hongkong, September 7, 1877.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, September 13, 1877. 1c1

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

by appointment, to
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;
and to
H. L. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

Wyndham Street, formerly ARTHUR'S Old, has on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographs Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Also S. S. Type, Revolving Standard Albums, Artistic Micrograms and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather, Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and Frames, also Albums for Cabinet Portraits only, Portraits of the Generals of the present Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes, Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.
Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

Intimations.

CONDENSED EGGS.

THIS NEW ARTICLE, recently placed upon the Market, consists simply of fresh-laid HENS' EGGS, from which most of the water has been evaporated, and being hermetically sealed, remains perfectly sound.

The EGGS thus condensed are obtained in the Empire of China, and canned in the immediate vicinity in which they are produced, thereby avoiding the deterioration to which EGGS are subjected when transported in the shell. So that, in point of fact, the CONDENSED EGGS preserved under the patent of A. H. DAVIS, furnish to the consumer, EGGS possessing more perfectly the properties of fresh-laid EGGS than those ordinarily supplied to any city.

The CONDENSED EGGS will beat up into light froth as readily as EGGS taken immediately from the shell, and are equally valuable in making Cakes, Custards, Creams, Pastry, Puddings, Egg-Nog, &c., &c.

ECONOMY.

For Hotels, and Restaurants, or for Families, or Vessels at sea, this Article is invaluable, as there is no loss from breakage or decay, and a tin will keep for any length of time after opening, being sealed only for transportation.

One Table-spoonful is equal to one Egg. Add equal amount of water (warm is preferable), dissolve it well; then use same as any Egg.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.,
Agents for Hongkong.
MUSTARD & Co.,
General Agents at Shanghai.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS, and GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.
September 15, 1877.

DEVOS'S BRILLIANT OIL.
RELIABLE,
ECONOMICAL,
SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOS'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOS & CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOS MANUFACTURING Co.,
80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,
NEW YORK, U. S. A.

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,
COAL MERCHANTS,
Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Prince of Wales Street, will receive immediate attention.
Hongkong, March 19, 1877. 1c19

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell on
SATURDAY,
the 6th October, 1877, at 4 p.m., at the Spot—
7 CHINESE HOUSES, Nos. 7 to 13, Situated at the Upper Station Street.
Ground Rent, \$14 per Annum.
For Particulars, apply to
J. M. GUEDES, JR.,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, September 20, 1877. 1c19

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
BERLIN TIVOLI BEER, in Cases of 4 Doz. Quarts.
WIELER & Co.
Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

FOR SALE.
CUTLER, PALMER & Co's
Celebrated
Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.
Apply to
HARRISON & Co.
Hongkong, June 21, 1876.

For Sale.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.
HAVE FOR SALE,
EX STEAMSHIPS.
"YORKSHIRE," "MADAGASCAR,"
"CITY OF TOKIO," &c., &c.

NEW SEASON'S (MAY) BUTTER.
The First Shipment of Busch & Co.'s Celebrated COWBRAND DANISH BUTTER.
In Tins of 1 lb. each, 60 Cents per lb.
In Tins of 2 lb. each, 55 Cents per lb.
In Tins of 4 lb. each, 50 Cents per lb.

Fresh supplies of GROSSE & BLACKWELL'S OILMANS' STORES, and American Family MESS STORES,—As per their JULY PRICE LIST.

(All Stores sold by L. A. & Co. are of the Very Best Quality.)

Chappell & Co's New and Popular MUSIC and SONGS.

Very Superior California BLANKETS, 12/4 and 14/4.
California KNEE BOOTS.
Dawson's Best London-made GENTLE-MEN'S BOOTS.

HORSE BLANKETS.
Central and Fire-Br CARTRIDGE CASES.
Gun-Wads, PERCUSSION CAPS, BILLIARD TABLE CLOTHS, ROCKETS and BLUE-LIGHTS, HOTH'S RUSSIAN ROPE and TARRED LINES.

FISHING LINES and WHITE LINES, of all descriptions.
INDIA RUBBER SHEETS, and Insertion of all Sizes.
INDIA RUBBER and CANVAS DE LIVERY and SUCTION HOSE.

Cabin Suspension LAMPS.
Cabin CANDLESTICKS.
FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.
Japanned TOILET SETS.
CARRIAGE LAMPS, and CARRIAGE CANDLES.

WATER FILTERS.
Gosnell's HAIR BRUSHES, TOOTH BRUSHES, and NAIL BRUSHES.
A Fine Assortment of LA RUE'S STATIONERY BOOKS.

NOVELS, WORKS OF REFERENCE, SCHOOL BOOKS, &c., &c.
Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

NOW LANDED EX "GARLIC."

A CHOICE Assortment of AMERICAN DELICACIES, viz. THE "HONEY-CHEESE," HAM, BACON, MACKEREL, BEEF and PORK, &c., &c.
TO SPORTSMEN.—Some New and Excellent COMBINED MEATS, suitable for country trips.

100 CENTENIAL HATS.
MACGOWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, September 24, 1877. 1c19

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.
DOUGLAS LAURA & Co.
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the GERMANIC LLOYD, GERMAN AND INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE CLARIFICATION OF SHIPS.
MELOHERS & Co.
Hongkong, September 11, 1877. 1c11

NOTICE.

FROM THIS DATE MR. EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr. M. W. GAFF, are authorized to Sign the name of our Firm for Procurement at Foochow, and Mr. F. H. ELWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, June 1, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
The Steamship
"YNSHO,"
Capt. S. ASSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAURA & Co.
Hongkong, September 24, 1877. 1c19

FOR SINGAPORE, MELBOURNE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling off the usual Coast Ports to land Mails and Passengers.)
The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer
"BRISBANE,"
will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 8th October, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 27, 1877. 1c19

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON.
The 100 A 1 British Barque
"WOODVILLE,"
J. E. NELSON, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, September 26, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 American Ship
"H. S. SANDFORD,"
A. SLEEPER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, September 26, 1877. 1c26

FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 American Ship
"GOLD HUNTER,"
J. FREEMAN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, September 3, 1877. 1c18

FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 British Bark
"ABERLADY,"
J. NICOLL, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 British Barque
"GRANVILLE,"
HASTINGS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 German Ship
"JOHANN,"
BUNJE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

FOR LONDON.
The A 1 100 years splendid British Clipper Ship
"SYDENHAM,"
A. MILLAR, Commander, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, September 27, 1877.

FOR LONDON.
The A 1 British Barque
"GEO. CROSBY,"
GEO. IRVING, Master, will have early despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, July 23, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The 3/4 L. I. German Ship
"GALATEA,"
JAEGER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, September 10, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A 1 British Ship
"JUBILEE,"
J. HARRIS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, September 1, 1877.

FOR HAMBURG.
The A 1 British Bark
"LORD MACAULAY,"
Capt. MORRIS, will load for the above Port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, July 20, 1877.

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GAELIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 1st Proximo. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. REMOR, Agent.
Hongkong, September 27, 1877. 1c12

STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton, and London, via Bombay, Also,
Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "KIVIA," Captain LEE, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 11th October, at Noon.

TEA and GENERAL CARGO for LONDON will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta Steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, September 24, 1877. 1c11

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, via OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and STOPPING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on the 1st Proximo, 1877, at 12 o'clock Noon, taking Passengers, and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passengers Tickets, and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bussan S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 1st Proximo. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For security's sake, Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 3, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, September 24, 1877.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: TWO DOLLARS and a HALF.
To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALKER, Shanghai.
Hongkong, February 4, 1877.

Intimations.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

NIMROD, British barque, Capt. Clark.—Captain.
ABERLADY, British barque, Capt. Nicoll.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
VICTORIA, Mastedra, British 3-m. schooner, Capt. Wm. Wright.—Borneo Co., Limited.
CUTTERBURY, American ship, Captain W. Lull.—Jardine & Co.
WOODVILLE, British barque, Captain Nielsen.—Wm. Pustau & Co.
ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cuppingham.—Wiel & Co.
CORINTH, British barque, Capt. Robertson.—Wiel & Co.
CHINAMAN, British barque, Capt. MacKenzie.—Chinese.
ANNIE S. HALL, American bark, Captain O. H. Nelson.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
RAJANATHANUR, British str., Captain Hopkins.—Yuen Fat Hong.
COLUMBUS, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury.—Wiel & Co.
MELUSIN, German barque, Captain Th. Pflieger.—Molchers & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.
The Company's Steamship
"TIERRE"
Comdt. DE GRASSE, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA on TUESDAY, the 2nd October, at 10 a.m.
H. DU POUEY, Agent.
Hongkong, October 1, 1877. ood

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.
The Company's Steamship
"A. J."
Comdt. HERNANDEZ, will be despatched for SHANGHAI on TUESDAY, the 2nd October, at Noon.
H. DU POUEY, Agent.
Hongkong, October 1, 1877. ood

FOR YOKOHAMA & NAGASAKI.

The S. S. "GLINEAR"
Capt. GARNON, will leave for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd Instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 1, 1877. ood

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
"BERGIA"
PAULSEN, Master, will have immediate despatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 1, 1877. ood

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. A. V. A.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo per S. S. Euphrates, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
Goods remaining undelivered after SATURDAY, the 6th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DU POUEY, Agent.
Hongkong, October 1, 1877. ood

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Gleaner having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Yokohama, unless notice to the contrary is given before 1 p.m. Today.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 7th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 1, 1877. ood

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Egeria, PAULSEN, Master, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned and stored in their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 3 p.m. Today.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 7th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 1, 1877. ood

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. F. BLACKHEAD & Co. in our Firm ceases from this Day.
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.
Hongkong, October 1, 1877. ood

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 30, Emerald, British steamer, 305, E. Theodor, Master, Sept. 27, General—A. M. G. HAZON.
Sept. 30, Yangtze, British steamer, from Canton.
Sept. 30, Norma, British steamer, 7th.

Walker, Swatow Sept. 29, General.—Kwong AORONG.
Sept. 30, Amy, British steamer, 814, G. H. Drowes, Shanghai Sept. 27, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Sept. 30, Amy, French steamer, 2177, Bernadotte, Shanghai Sept. 23, and Saigon 26, Hainan and General.—Messageries MARITIMES.
Sept. 30, Jalo, Russian ship, 1365, F. Moberg, Nagasaki Sept. 23, Coal and General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Oct. 1, Yungking, Chinese steamer, 661, Gibbon, Shanghai Sept. 27, General.—O. M. S. N. Co.
Oct. 1, Glenora, British steamer, 1363, Gannon, London Aug. 19, via ports of call, and Singapore 25, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Oct. 1, Egeria, German steamer, 1087, P. Paulsen, Hamburg Aug. 19, via ports of call, and Singapore Sept. 24, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Oct. 1, Leon Oriso, British barque, 683, West George, Brisbane Aug. 8, Coal.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Oct. 1, Java, Dutch steamer, 886, R. T. Weber, Bangkok Sept. 21, Rice.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

DEPARTURES.
Sept. 30, Ulysses, for Shanghai.
30, Meru, for Newchwang.
30, Johanne, for New York.
30, Rosina, for Macao.
30, Alice, for Yokohama.
30, Amy, for Canton.
Oct. 1, B. M. Young, for Newchwang.
1, Hieronymus, for Newchwang.
1, Yungking, for Canton.
1, Chi-chen, Chinese corvette, for a cruise.
1, Esmeralda, for Amoy.
1, Casandra, for Swatow.
1, Yungking, for Shanghai.
1, Rudina Adolphine, for Quinhon.
1, Sparin, for Swatow.

CLEARED.
Maritimes, for Amoy and Manila.
Albay, for Hahow and Haiphong.
Bantian, for Amoy.
Sophie, for Newchwang.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Esmeralda, from Manila, Don Vicente Barretto, M. de Muzas, and 160 Chinese.
Per Jalo, from Nagasaki, Mnt. and Mrs. Kalanda.
Per Glenora, from London, Mr. Moa. Nulty, for Yokohama; and 12 Chinese.
Per Amy, for Hongkong: from Marselles, Mrs. Hight, Messrs. Enghelien and 5 children, and Mr. Aking; from Saigon, Messrs. Lebonis, Mao, West and 73 Chinese.
Per Shanghai, from Marselles, Sisters Antoinette, Josephine, Françoise, Marguerite, Nathalie, and Charlotte, Messrs. Bingleuse, Jean, Vie, Proemel, and Schepel; from Galle, Mr. Palitta.
Per Yokohama: from Marselles, Mrs. Sutton, 4 children and servant and Mr. Pelegrin.
Per Egeria, for Hongkong, from Hamburg, Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Court; from Singapore, 8 Europeans and 5 children dead, and 45 Chinese.
Per Amoy, from Shanghai, 20 Chinese.
Per Java, from Saigon, 19 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Ulysses, for Shanghai, Miss Ebell.
Per Casandra, for Swatow, Messrs. Denescke and Ebell.
Per B. M. Young, for Newchwang, 1 Chinese.
Per Esmeralda, for Amoy, 180 Chinese.
Per Yangtze, for Shanghai, 85 Chinese.
Per E. Adolphine, for Quinhon, 4 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Maritimes, for Amoy, 1 European, and 13 Chinese.
Per Albay, for Hahow, 50 Chinese.
Per Bantian, for Amoy, 5 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Esmeralda reports: Moderate N.E. winds and fine weather throughout.
The British steamer Norma reports: Light N.E. winds throughout the passage.
The British steamer Amy reports: Moderate N.E. winds and fine weather throughout the passage. Passed S. S. Olympia off the Lamrocks at 7 p.m. of the 29th, bound South.

The Russian ship Jalo reports: Had moderate Northerly winds throughout the passage. Men-of-war in Nagasaki Harbour:—H. M. S. Audacious, Juno, Keitrel, Vigilant, and Lily; German corvette Nassau, French gunboat Surprip, and U. S. S. Ranger.
The British barque Leon Oriso reports: Light wind and fine weather throughout.
The Dutch steamer Java reports: In China Sea N.E. winds with heavy swell from the N.N.E.
The British steamer Glenora reports: Light Northerly winds from Singapore to arrival. Early part of passage light weather.
The German steamer Egeria reports: Light winds and fine weather the whole passage. Passed British barque Elmstone, bound North, off Palo Sapia.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—
For YOKOHAMA.—
Per ZIERE at 8.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 2nd Inst.
For SHANGHAI.—
Per A. J. at 11 a.m. To-morrow, the 2nd Inst. Late letters received from 11.10 to 11.30, with 3 cents late fee.
For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOSHOW.—
Per YESSO, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 2nd October.
For YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.—
Per GALLIE, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 2nd October, instead of as previously notified.
For SAIGON.—
Per PENED, at 2.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 2nd Inst.
For BANGKOK.—
Per BANANATHIANUR, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 2nd Oct.
For YOKOHAMA.—
Per GLENEAR, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 3rd Inst.

MAILS BY THE EXPRESS PACKET.

The English Contract Packet H. V. 4 will be despatched with the Mails for Kowloon, on THURSDAY, the 11th October.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE EXPRESS PACKET.—
The Australian Contract Packet BRISBANE, will be despatched from Hongkong on MONDAY, the 8th October, with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cocktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
10 a.m.—Tide leaves for Yokohama.
Noon.—Ago leaves for Shanghai.
Noon.—Yesso leaves for Coast Ports.
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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BIRTHS.

At Hankow, on 17th September, the Wife of F. WEATHERSTON, of a Daughter.
On the 18th August, at Lunbeck, the Wife of F. C. SAUERMAN, of a Son.

MARRIAGE.

On the 11th August, at Lewisham parish church, Kent, James Powrie, of Shanghai, to Adelaide Caroline Whitlock, of London.

DEATHS.

At Shanghai, on the 23rd Sept., Captain WILLIAM TATE KIRBY, aged 54 years.
At Shanghai, on the 23rd September, AZIM MANGRAY, the beloved (twin) daughter of James and Cécile Porter, aged 3 years and 1 month.

On the 20th July, at Ranipett, Madras Presidency, of cholera, Ernest Edward Mason, in charge of the Famille Relief Camp, and lately of the Imperial Treasury of Japan, aged 25.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, OCT. 1, 1877.

The announcement by telegraph that the greatest discontent prevails at the Russian headquarters, and that the officers regard success as hopeless, unless the staff is changed, is a pretty strong corroboration of the news that has been received during the last few weeks of the successes of the Turkish armies in Europe. In the papers brought by the last American Mail there was the following significant paragraph: "A despatch from Bucharest says it is reported that the fever epidemic in the Russian army in Bulgaria is increasing. The troops are also in want of food, and they refuse pay, unless they receive it in coin of their own country. They threaten to surrender to the Turks unless they are paid in the coin demanded. The present state of affairs in the army is very alarming." Of course no one believes that the Russian troops would surrender to the Turks, however discontented they might be. The smallest spark of patriotism, and their feelings of nationality, would be insuperable barriers to any such act. But discontented men do not fight well, and an army that has lost confidence in its leaders has lost confidence in itself. Judging from the detailed accounts that have been received of the various battles both in Europe and in Asia, we should say that the Russian troops have some cause to complain of their chief leaders. The telegram dated the 26th instant, stating that the Russian centre had on the previous day again attacked Plevna, and again been repulsed, appears to disprove the one dated the 20th September asserting that the attack on that place had been abandoned. Previous to the arrival at Plevna of Turkish reinforcements numbering nearly 30,000 men there was reason to believe that Osman Pasha's position there had become somewhat critical. One recent telegram, for instance, spoke of the blockade and bombardment of Plevna; another of the relief of Osman Pasha, while, unless some anxiety existed regarding the safety of the Turkish forces at the place, the setting out of the reinforcements for Plevna with a convoy of ammunition, their arrival within two hours' march of the town, and finally their entering it, would hardly have been so carefully telegraphed. The probability is that the Russians, heavily reinforced and repulsed in all their assaults on the positions, had endeavoured to surround them as far as possible, and had sent strong bodies of cavalry to interrupt communications with the place, especially along the Sophia road, and cut off convoys of provisions and ammunition. Whether the twenty or thirty thousand of newly-arrived troops will be able to change this state of affairs, if it exists, remains to be seen. Permitting that the telegram stating that the Porte will refuse to entertain any proposal for mediation while a single Russian remnant in Turkey is based on facts, it is quite evident that the Turks must shortly be made, and consequently will be in a position to propose by

brightening up as much as possible the aspect of affairs for themselves, or have every confidence in their power to ultimately drive the Russian armies across the Danube. It is worthy of note that the statement is made immediately after the announcement of the conference between Prince Bismarck and Count Androsky—a conference which is said to have had for its object "the furthering of European peace."

THE French Mail brings the long expected blue book with reference to the murder of the late Mr. Margary. The two most interesting of the documents are probably Mr. Grosvenor's report giving the results of his mission to Yunnan, and the letter of apology presented by the Chinese Envoy to the Queen: "As was anticipated, the results of the tedious and dangerous journey to Yunnan by Mr. Grosvenor and his companions simply amounted to a farce. Mr. Grosvenor complains that the Chinese Commissioners did not produce, or even pretend to produce, a single witness either of the murder or subsequent attack, although it is calculated that about two thousand men were engaged in the latter; and the savages who were represented as having confessed to the murder, and were produced at the trial, made contradictory and impossible statements to members of the Mission, did not exhibit the demeanour of men who had confessed a capital offence, and no doubt had no hand whatever in the deed. Mr. Grosvenor adds: "It is a weary task to indicate the numerous contradictions and impossibilities which comprise the Chinese official case. It would almost seem as if they had not even taken the trouble to make their story consistent. The requirements of time and space are alike outraged." Our London Correspondent refers pretty fully to the despatches in another column. The letter of apology we reproduce in full:—

That Mr. Margary, whilst travelling under passport within the frontier of Yunnan, should have lamentably been murdered, is a fact which not alone involves the question of a lost life, but which also has gone near to disturb our relations of amity and concord. We profoundly regret and lament it. We have now made special appointment of Mr. Grosvenor, an acting Senior Vice-President of the Board of Ceremonies, and one of the Ministers of the Office of Foreign Affairs, as Envoy Extraordinary, to proceed to our Majesty's country to give utterance, on our behalf, to the sentiments we have at heart, as a proof of our genuine desire for amity and concord.

We know Kwong Sung-tao to be an officer of capacity and experience, of loyalty and truthfulness, who is in a position to intelligible and just, and far-reaching in intelligence. He has acquired great familiarity in the treatment of affairs between Chinese and foreign Powers. We would ask that sincere confidence be reposed in him, to the end that the blessings of friendly concord may for ever be experienced in the highest degree, and that all alike may enjoy the happiness of a state of peace. This, we doubt not, will be greatly to the satisfaction of your Majesty.

Not many months since some skirmishing occurred touching a subject of great public importance, viz., the qualifications of duly-constituted medical practitioners. The skirmishes did not, as was at first expected, develop into open warfare; and probably the public were spared an exhibition, while the parties interested saved their pockets. Whether or not there is any connection between this little bit of local history and the correspondence in reference to diplomas, we are unable to say; but it is evident that the official information now published in the Government Gazette of the 29th was elicited by a despatch dated the 9th of May. In reply to Governor Hennessy, who seeks guidance as regards "the circumstances under which persons holding Foreign Diplomas may be permitted generally to practise in Hongkong," Lord Carnarvon, after referring to a letter from the Board of Trade given below, says:—"It appears to me that in the absence of any special enactment regulating the qualifications of Medical Practitioners, which the circumstances of the Colony have not been deemed to require, there is no direct restriction on the practice of medicine within the Colony by persons purporting to hold Foreign Diplomas." There being no "direct" restriction on such practice, the position of the public here comes to this, that, when they send for medical assistance, they must "see that they get it." It must be admitted, on behalf of the noble profession in question, that whether from the salubrity of the Colony or the reverse, from the extreme length of its medical bills or their brevity, we cannot say—there has never been a lack of able representatives of the order in this part of the world. The quick element has, therefore, had little or no chance of existing.

The letter from Mr. Thea Gray, of the Board of Trade to the Under Secretary of State, is as follows:—
Sir, I am directed by the Board of Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, transmitting by direction of the Earl of Carnarvon, a copy of a Despatch from the Governor of Hongkong, on the subject of the status of Medical Practitioners holding Foreign Diplomas, and requesting to be informed as to the recognition by the Board of Trade of the Certificates of such Practitioners.
In reply, I am to state, for the Lordship's information, that the only occasion on which the question of the recognition by this Board of Foreign Medical Diplomas arises is when a Foreign Surgeon is appointed to the medical care of a Foreign Passenger Vessel, under Section 42 of the Passenger Act, 1855. In such cases, the Surgeon is required to satisfy himself that the Candidate is authorized by law to practise as a Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, in the Country to which the ship may belong.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]
(Via Southern Route.)

LONDON, 28th September, 1877.

In the Penge case, all the prisoners have been sentenced to death.

THE WAR.

Despatches from newspaper special correspondents announce, and the Daily News states, that at the Russian Headquarters the greatest discontent and disencouragement prevail: the Officers regard success as hopeless unless the staff is changed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. S. Nizam, with the outward Mails, was expected to leave Singapore for this port yesterday (Sunday morning), the 30th September.

With reference to the Kinahan case H. E. the Governor accompanied by his aide-de-camp paid a visit to the Kinahan this afternoon, and held a consultation with the Harbour Master and Captain Cary. The Hon. Mr. Keewick and Mr. da Costa (the Secretary) were also present.

The Japanese Consul paid a visit of ceremony to Commodore Watson to-day and received the usual salute.

We understand that H.M.S. Audacious is expected to arrive here in about a week. She is, we believe, at present in Amoy.

We understand that a scratch four-oared race is put down for to-morrow afternoon at 2 past 5 o'clock. The course will be from the Pier and Godown Co.'s Wharf to the Bath-House. The following are the names of the gentlemen composing the rival crews:—*Sylph*:—Messrs. Schultze, C. V. Smith, Trill, Edger, and Bevis (cox). *Thistle*:—Messrs. McEwen, Davidson, Shaw, Hynde, and E. Cope (cox). *Victoria*:—Messrs. Walker, Travers, Bernhard, D. C. Travers, and A. J. Lewis (cox). After the race the preliminary arrangements for the next regatta will be considered.

An inquest was held this afternoon (1st) by Mr. J. Russell, Coroner, with Messrs J. N. Goodman, J. F. Schuster and A. Jorge, as Jury, on the body of Mok Aloy, a shawker 58 years of age, who died of opium poison. Dr. Wharry proved the presence of opium in the stomach, and gave it as his opinion that the deceased died of opium poison. The Jury returned a verdict of suicide by taking a quantity of opium.

Some excitement was occasioned in Stanley Street last night about 9 o'clock by a would-be thief. A man was seen to climb up the scaffolding in front of a building in course of construction next door to the Temperance Hall and make his way to the roof of the Oriental Dispensary. The alarm was at once given, but fortunately for the adventurer such a noisy demonstration was made that he had timely warning to make good his escape. Several policemen got on the roof, but although a careful search was made the prowler could not be found. He had evidently got upon the verandah of the Temperance Hall and from thence to the roof, as it was found to be broken in several places. How he got down is a mystery, but he was evidently well acquainted with the neighbourhood. We should strongly advise a less noisy search in all future cases of a like nature.

CHINESE firms, says the Rangoon Daily News, import a good deal of Indigo from the Straits, although the dye is manufactured from plants cultivated in Hindostan. But the indigenous Indigo is poor compared to that obtained either from the Straits or Bengal, and the Chinese have found this out. We are unable to say in what way the dye from Bengal is superior to that from the Straits. The fact, however, is, Chinese dye prefer the Straits dye.

The Band of the 28th Regiment will perform the following programme to-morrow evening, commencing at 6.30 p.m.:—
Overture,.....La Coccinelle.....Rossini.
Selection,.....La Sorelle.....Donizetti.
Waltz,.....Chanson du Chêne.....Strauss.
Selection,.....Les Vignes de la Vallée.....Verdi.
Bourrée,.....Carnaval de Venise.....Paganini.
Galop,.....Polka.....Bella.

(In C. Engras, Aug. 24th.)
Latest Mail Advice:—Yokohama (via San. Fran.) July 31, Shanghai July 1, Foochow June 26, Hongkong July 7. The French mail, with the advices dated as above, from China and Straits Settlements, was delivered, via Marselles, on the 18th inst., two days early. There are no later advices from Japan. The heavy portion of the last inward P. & O. mail reached Southampton on the 18th inst. The next inward P. & O. mail, bringing dates Yokohama 4th, Shanghai 5th, Hongkong 14th, Singapore 21st July, left Brindisi on the 22nd inst., and will reach London to-morrow (25th inst.), two days in advance of its due date. The following French mail, bringing a week's later dates, left Suez on the 22nd inst., two days early.

A telegram from Alexandria states that the French war vessel Corvise, now on her voyage from Saigon to Suez, has lost fifty of her crew with cholera, and that 180 are still ill.

Among the additions to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the month of July was a long-billed crane, obtained from Shanghai, and transmitted to the Society by Mr. Theodore Hauss, of Chinkiang.

The Silver Market is somewhat firmer, at 54½d. per oz. for bars of fine silver. Mexican Dollars have been dealt in at 52½d. per oz., showing no change in value.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Hydaspes, which was despatched from Southampton yesterday with the heavy portion of next outward mails has on board 2674,766 in specie for the East, including for Hongkong, silver, 248,400; Penang, silver, 227,100; Singapore, gold, 210,000; ditto, silver, 27,000; Shanghai, silver, 22,500; Galle, gold, 21,000.

During the week ended the 18th inst. the total quantity of tea delivered from the bonded warehouses in London was 3,594,322 lbs., of which 2,854,477 lbs. was for home consumption, 739,537 lbs. was removed coastwise, 700,111 lbs. was exported, 102,107 lbs. was sent coastwise for exportation, and 4,101 lbs. was for ships' stores. The duty received amounted to 256,612.

The first batch of the second crop black leaf arrived on the 20th inst. per Gordon Castle, which left Hankow on the 28th June, with some eight choys. The leaf is pronounced as being fairly good but the crop is disappointing, and although costing lower than previous years, the teas are not considered up to standard in quality. A portion offered to-day at public sale realised only 1½d. per lb., against a cost of 1s. 0½d. This fact should be taken as a further proof of the absolute necessity that shipments of common teas should entirely cease, seeing the disastrous results of the business which has been going on for the last five years. In other respects the market is much as before reported—teas having some quality still maintaining their position.

More than 28,000 have been realised from the value of the old iron and other material of the screw troopship Adventure, the first iron vessel ever broken up at Chatham dockyard. After deducting the amount paid for wages and other charges a net sum of a little over 28,000 has been realised on the vessel.

The appointments of Mr. Marcus Octavius Flowers, now Her Majesty's Consul at Nagasaki, to be Consul at Higo and Oosaka; of Mr. James Troup, now Vice-Consul at Nagasaki, to be Consul at Nagasaki; and of Mr. H. S. Wilkinson, to be Vice-Consul at Nagasaki, are gazetted. We understand that no decision has been arrived at in regard to the successor to Sir Walker Macdunn, as Consul at Shanghai, or that of Judge Hornby. The amended Order in Council regarding the Courts of China and Japan has not been published. We regret to hear that Mr. Harvey, who was lately appointed to the charge of the Consulate at the new port of Peking, has, through ill-health, been obliged to obtain leave to return to England.

CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME.

(From our own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Aug. 24th, 1877.

The long-expected Blue Book containing Sir Thom. Wade's memorandum on the Chiao Convention and Mr. Grosvenor's report upon his visit to Yunnan has at last appeared and is about as unsatisfactory as it is possible to conceive. It is rendered clear that the expedition to Yunnan turned out to be a perfect fiasco and that Mr. Grosvenor had, in point of fact, to abandon it, as useless. The public both here and in China have so long made up their mind upon this point, that it would scarcely be worth nothing, but that the report which has been sent in is far more adverse to the Chinese than had been imagined even by those least disposed to place confidence in their acting in good faith. The peculiar part of the business however is how the Home Government should have felt justified in holding back the report, entering into the details of the Chiao Convention in its commercial aspect, and in accepting the apology of the Chinese Minister, while aware that no substantial reparation whatever had been made for one of the most serious outrages against our national honour which had ever been perpetrated even in China. Sir Thom. Wade in his memorandum is careful to explain that he pointed out to the Chinese Government that the Margary matter was an international question and came into quite a different category to any questions with reference to the commercial part of the Convention; but it naturally occurs to enquire why he did not entirely separate the two and insist upon the one matter being settled before the other was entered upon. There can hardly be a doubt as to the object which the Chinese had in mixing up the two questions, and there is certainly nothing in *verum natura* which forms a link of connection between murdering a British official in Yunnan and the collection of Lektin duties in Shanghai and other treaty ports; but no doubt the state of affairs was disturbing, and we must not complain if things did not come quite in the usual order and under their appropriate headings. But seriously speaking the present Blue Book affords painful evidence of the ill-effects of mixing up the two matters, or rather of three matters as the Government of the Chinese Minister to London, which specially delighted Sir Thom. forms a subject by itself. The end of it all has been that the Chinese, as far as things have now gone, have really been allowed to get off so far as the Yunnan outrage is concerned with the usual apology (China is great at apologising) with the payment of a small indemnity and the posting of a proclamation. The so-called "Concessions" in the Convention will be of just as much advantage to the Chinese as they will be to us, and even if such a ground could be adopted reasonably at all, cannot, on their merits, be set against the serious international question which was made the occasion by the Chinese of bringing them on the tape. As to the explanations which are given by Sir Thom. Wade as to the serious part of the Convention, it hardly thinks any of your readers will have the patience to go through them very carefully at the present stage of proceedings. While undoubtedly giving evidence of talent and thought, they seem to be much wanting in pointedness and practical importance. A few marginal notes upon which doubt has been expressed, such for instance as the Lektin duty question, would have been of far more value, and at the present stage of matters would certainly have been much more acceptable generally. To read lengthened disquisitions upon the arguments and proceedings which have led up to the production of an instrument which has been familiar to the public for something like a year, is a truly very tedious thing; and it is impossible not to think that

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Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries on China and Japan*, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

The *CHINA REVIEW*, or *Notes and Queries on the Far East*, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$6.50 postage paid per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago and the "Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number. Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a résumé in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), as are also those queries which, though asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The *China Review* for July and August, 1876, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of Szechuan. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and entertaining Review. It is a highly paid, bi-monthly, repository of what scholars are ascertaining about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. Address *China Review*, Hongkong.—Northern Christian Advocate (U.S.).

Trübner's *Oriental Record* contains the following notice of the *China Review*:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot as in some respects a continuation of *Notes and Queries on China and Japan*, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now sadly unduly cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's *She King*, by the Rev. E. J. Eitel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connection with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the seventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowring, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine.

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Albat	5	F. Ashton	Span.	386	Sept. 24	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Holhow & Halphong	To-day
Ava	5	Hernandez	Span.	2177	Sept. 24	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	To-morrow
Burmese	5	Lock	Brit.	1268	Sept. 23	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore and Penang	To-day
Cassandra	4	Langer	Ger.	937	Sept. 25	Wm. Fustau & Co.	Swatow	To-day
Egeria	4	Paulsen	Ger.	1087	Oct. 1	Stemssen & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Emeralda	5	Thebaud	Brit.	395	Sept. 30	A. McQ. Heaton	Amoy	To-day
Fame	6	Stapani	Brit.	117	R. K. & W. Pos Dock Co.	Tag Flying
Gaelic	4	Kidley	Brit.	1713	Sept. 20	O. & S. S. Co.	Phama & S. Felice	To-morrow
Gleamern	5	Grason	Brit.	1368	Oct. 1	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Phama & Nagasaki	3rd inst.
Malacca	5	Grason	Brit.	1046	Sept. 18	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	To-day
Mariveles	4	Munoz	Span.	425	Sept. 28	Remedios & Co.	Manila & Amoy	To-day
Norma	2	Walker	Brit.	795	Sept. 30	Kwok Achong	Swatow	To-morrow
Penado	5	Cala	Brit.	652	Sept. 25	Stemssen & Co.	Salgon	To-morrow
Rajanatianhar	5	Hopkins	Brit.	938	Sept. 24	Tuen Fat Hong.	Bangkok	To-morrow
Sea Gull	5	Roberts	Brit.	48	Sept. 19	Insurance Company
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Taiwan	5	Young	Brit.	408	Sept. 20	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Tibro	5	Girard	Brit.	1009	Sept. 28	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	To-day
W. Coros de Vries	5	Brit.	384	June 4	C. Molins	Shanghai	Repairing
Yangtze	5	Schulze	Brit.	782	Sept. 30	Stemssen & Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
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Auguste	4	Thomson	Brit. Sm. sh.	210	Aug. 10	Meyer & Co.	Amoy
Banlan	1	Grandin	Brit. sh.	760	Sept. 4	Meyer & Co.
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Charron Wattana	2	Ulrich	Siam. sh.	655	Aug. 19	Chinese
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Cordane	8	Robertson	Brit. bge.	395	Sept. 19	Wielar & Co.
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Lord Macaulay	3	Monkman	Brit. bge.	847	July 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
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Maluine	2	Pfleger	Ger. bge.	937	Sept. 29	Melchers & Co.
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Oaska	3	Lowe	Brit. bge.	529	Sept. 8	Meyer & Co.
Pelbo	4	Christiansen	Ger. bge.	250	Sept. 27	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
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